

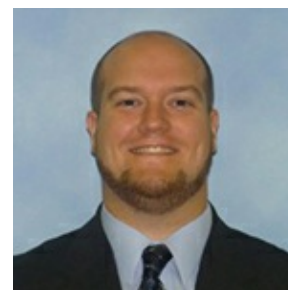
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President's Message

by: Justin Bilskemper



Hello, and welcome to the summer 2018 edition issue of the ASCE Wisconsin Section Newsletter! I can't believe this will be my fourth and final President's Message already. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your President over the past year. I have the utmost assurance that your incoming leadership, with Jared Wendt as your next President and Ken Mika as your President-Elect, will continue to build and improve upon the initiatives and objectives we have set this year. My job has been made easy by the individuals that make up the Wisconsin Section Board of Directors and the local Branch Boards. If you happen to see any of them at the upcoming Annual Meeting on September 21, 2018 in Appleton, please take some time to thank them for their service to ASCE. I also hope to see many of you at the conference!

Previous report cards for Wisconsin were published in 2003 and 2007. For the past few months we have been actively searching for someone to chair the Wisconsin Section Infrastructure Report Card Committee. This position has a significant volunteer effort (18-24 months) to lead the committee through the research, outreach, and release phases of the Report Card. Unfortunately, we have not been able to find someone who could commit the

time needed for this position. Don't feel bad if you haven't been asked yet as we are continuing to look!

We are also looking for experts to author the various infrastructure categories that make up the report card. The national report card evaluates and grades 16 different categories, but we do not have to address all 16. At a minimum, National would like the Section to cover Aviation, Bridges, Dams, Drinking Water, Wastewater, Roads, and Energy. Previous report cards have covered these, in addition to Schools, Inland Waterways, Solid Waste, and Stormwater. We are looking for experienced engineers from all sectors, including public, private, and academia. Having a healthy mix from these sectors will bring a complete perspective of the issues at hand.

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National Parks Legislative Action Alert

ASCE is endorsing Senate bill 3172, The Restore our Parks Act, and it now has a companion bill in the House. ASCE national asks that you take a moment to reach out to your legislators and encourage them to sign on to these bills.

Some background on the bills for your note is:

The Restore our Parks Act (Senate version) and Restore our Parks and Public Lands Acts (House version) are bipartisan bills that merge components of two bills: the National Park Service Legacy Act (which ASCE endorsed) and the National Park Restoration Act.

These bills could direct 50% of unobligated federal mineral revenues – such as royalties from on and offshore oil & gas and renewable energy development on public lands – to draw down the deferred maintenance backlog. The fund would be authorized for five years with annual revenue capped at \$1.3 billion (for a total of \$6.5 billion). Sixty-Five percent of the fund would go toward the repair of non-transportation resources, while 35% would be used to restore transportation-related assets.

ASCE's 2017 Infrastructure Report Card gave our nation's public parks a grade of "D+", these bills are critical components of helping to raise this grade.

When you e-mail your Member of Congress don't forget to copy (or bcc) govwash@asce.org. It will help ASCE track how Members of Congress came to sign on to the bill.

Politicians who will really listen

Opinion by: Gregory Schroeder, P.E., Public Affairs Chair

I think that I can help you find a politician who will really listen. They are called candidates.

The August 14th primaries will be done by the time this is published, and the November 6th elections are in front of us. This is a great time to contact the candidates for the offices that you feel are most important to your causes and concerns and express your opinions. Maybe a token contribution wouldn't hurt either. If you don't make a token contribution, maybe you

can offer to volunteer or put out a yard sign. Perhaps that is premature until you have established if the candidate's values and goals align with your own. That's okay. Make this your own process.

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ASCE SE Branch 2018 Scholarship Golf Tournament



ASCE Wisconsin Section 2018 Awards

by: Darrell Berry, Awards Committee Chair

Congratulations

Individual Award Winners

Distinguished Service Award – Carl Sutter, PE, M.ASCE

Carl is a Vice President at McMahon Associates and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has worked at McMahon for over 30 years. The bulk of Carl's work has been centered on municipal services and he has established himself as a resource in the industry. He is a Certified Construction Specifier and he is credited with assisting in establishing the first multi-jurisdictional storm water utility in the State of Wisconsin.

Throughout Carl's career, he has been an active member of ASCE. He has served in many capacities in Wisconsin, including President and Past President for the Fox River Valley Branch and the Wisconsin Section. Carl served on and chaired the National Committee on Engineering Management and Business Practices. He currently serves as the Wisconsin Section Finance Committee Chair and is a Region 3 Governor. Participation not only meant service to Carl, it also meant networking and attending regional and national ASCE events. Carl has traveled from the east coast to the west coast to attend meetings and even as far south as the Panama Canal. Carl encouraged participation of other employees as well as younger members and often offered career service to events.

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2018 Wisconsin Section Annual Meeting



Registration is now open!

The ASCE Fox River Valley Branch will host the 2018 Wisconsin Section Annual Meeting on Friday, September 21 at the Fox Cities Exhibition Center and Red Lion Hotel Paper Valley in Appleton, WI.

The Annual Meeting Planning Committee is pleased to announce that 2018 ASCE President Kristina Swallow, P.E., ENV SP, F.ASCE, will present as the Keynote Speaker for the conference. Attendees will be able to obtain up to 6 PDHs, including one Ethics session.

Three technical sessions are also offered throughout the day, covering a variety of specialty areas including structural, geotechnical, construction, environmental & water resources, transportation, and management as well as a site tour. Don't miss this opportunity to receive the 6 PDHs offered from this conference. We look forward to having you join us on Friday, September 21 in Appleton!

Featured Topics:

Engineering The Future

The Copper Country's 1000-Year Father's Day Storm

Fox Cities Exhibition Center - From an Idea to Reality

Chippewa River Bridge Micropile Installation

Ethics: Misrepresentation of Data

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2018 ASCE Wisconsin Section Annual Meeting Committee

Co-Chairs

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Membership

Total Members 1927
New Members* 23
Affiliate Members 56
Associate Members 349
Distinguished Members 4
Fellows 56
Members 1,086
Student Members 376

* Number of members who joined since May 1st

Around the Section

The Board of Directors for 2018-2019 will be
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5 FREE PDH hours through ASCE!
Don't forget your annual ASCE membership
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Join the Discussion on Collaborate!

There is a new website for ASCE members to discuss important issues surrounding the profession. Participate in various "communities," such as the Wisconsin Section and your local branch.

You can access Collaborate by logging in with your current ASCE credentials.
Check it out and start collaborating!

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